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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Bin Zhao
Maureen R. Brongp

Atty Docket No.: 60944.1417

Serial No.: ~~09/317536~~ **09/317536**

Client Ref: 97RSS256-DIV

Filed: May 24, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2812

TITLE: INTERCONNECT WITH LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT INSULATORS
FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING

**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Applicants hereby timely respond to the office action dated December 10, 1999, within the three-month shortened statutory period to respond. Please amend the captioned application as follows.

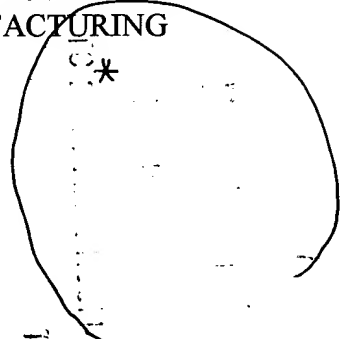
In The Specification

Page 4, line 9, after "contact", please insert --resistance--.

Page 14, line 24, please delete "5A-5H" and insert therefore --5A-5I--.

Page 14, line 26, please delete "crpss-sectional" and insert therefore --cross-sectional--.

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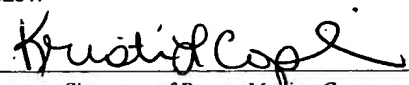
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Serial No. 09/314,536	Filing Date May 24, 1999	Examiner Tom Thomas	Group Art Unit 2812		
Invention: INTERCONNECT WITH LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT INSULATORS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MANUFACTURING					
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Cynthia L. Pillote - Reg. No. 42,999 Snell & Wilmer LLP One Arizona Center 400 E. Van Buren Street Phoenix, AZ 85004-2202 (602) 382-6296			<div style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">RECEIVED APR - 7 2000 TC 2800 MAIL ROOM</div>		
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